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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

The eighteenth session of the Board will be opened by the President.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the eighteenth session was adopted by the Board at its seventeenth session (IDB.17/Dec.10). The provisional agenda is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.18/1.

Item 3. Recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director-General

Pursuant to Article 11.2 of the Constitution and rule 61 of the rules of procedure, the Board will decide upon the recommendation to the General Conference of a candidate for the post of Director-General.

The Board will have before it:

- Recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director-General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.18/6)

- Draft contract for appointment of the Director-General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.18/7)

***Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee**

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative."

The report of the Committee on the work of its thirteenth session will be reflected in document IDB.18/2. The following subjects, to be dealt with by the Committee at that session (listed from (a) to (i) below), are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. In accordance with decision IDB.17/Dec.10, these sub-items will be considered during the eighteenth session, to be held during the week of 17 to 21 November 1997. Annotations on the sub-items indicating recommendations of the Committee will be included in an addendum to the present document to be issued following the thirteenth session of the Committee.

(a) Scale of assessments

(b) Interim financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 1996-1997

(c) Programme and budgets, 1998-1999

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(d) Financial regulations and financial rules

(e) Working Capital Fund

(f) Appointment of an External Auditor

(g) Financial situation of UNIDO

(h) Industrial Development Fund and other voluntary contributions

(i) Withdrawal of the United States of America

***Item 5. Future role and functions of UNIDO**

In decision IDB.17/Dec.2, the Board requested the intersessional working group on the future role and functions of UNIDO to further develop, in consultation with the Secretariat, a set of criteria and indicators that would allow the future assessment of the implications and monitoring of the implementation of the UNIDO reform process, including the performance of the Organization, in particular through the programme and budget. The Board further requested the chairman of the intersessional working group to report to the Board before the seventh session of the General Conference. Thus, the Board will have before it the report of the working group.

***Item 6. Preparations for the seventh session of the General Conference**

The Board at its seventeenth session adopted the provisional agenda for the seventh session of the General Conference (IDB.17/Dec.9).

As indicated in document IDB.17/15, paragraph 15, the work of the previous sessions of the Conference was greatly facilitated by the setting up, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Board, of an informal contact group for the preparation of the Conference. Such an informal contact group, composed of representative of permanent missions to UNIDO in Vienna, met during several months before the holding of each session of the Conference and prepared a report with recommendations covering most of the items on the agenda as well as organizational matters.

***Item 7. Provisional agenda and date of the nineteenth session**

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. However, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Board at its fifth session for the conduct of business and rationalization of proceedings, the provisional agendas for the regular sessions should be drawn up in biennial groups by a special brief session of the Board following the General Conference (IDB.5/Dec.46, annex, paras. 2 and 4).

Concerning the date of the nineteenth session, the attention of the Board is drawn to the following tentative reservations made for the policy-making organs of UNIDO for 1998:

11-15 May	Industrial Development Board, nineteenth session
31 August-4 September or 7-11 September	Programme and Budget Committee, fourteenth session
16-20 November	Industrial Development Board, twentieth session

***Item 8. Adoption of the report**

The report of the session will be issued in two parts: the first covering items 1-3 and 8, and an addendum covering the resumed session. Hence, while included in the items to be considered during the resumed session, this item will also be taken up on 12 September 1997 for the purpose of adopting the report covering part one.

***Item 9. Closure of the session**

* Items to be considered during the resumed eighteenth session, to be held during the week of 17 to 21 November 1997 (IDB.17/Dec.10). Interim developments on these items will be covered in the addendum to the present document referred to under item 4.